



The Michigan Developmental Disabilities Council  
invites you to a ...



## Public Forum

*for people with developmental disabilities and their families.*

*People with other disabilities and grassroots advocates are also welcome to attend.*

**For South and West Michigan  
Comfort Inn at US 131  
622 Allegan St, Plainwell, MI 49080**

**When:** April 28, 2009

**Time:** 9:30 am – 2 pm

**Hosted by Allegan CMH/Allegan RICC**

Local contact person: Dale Shannon, 1-269-673-8833 ext 2706

Lunch will be provided.

### Why you should come:

The Michigan DD Council is gathering information for the next 5-year state plan. This is your chance to say what is important to you. What problems do you want the Council to work on?

### What to expect:

- Join in guided conversations around café tables
- Move around and talk with people who care about disability issues
- Tell your stories and make your points
- Talk about issues that are important to you
- Explore the challenges that affect your life
- Share what has worked in your community
- Record your story as you want it recorded
- Enjoy the café atmosphere
- Be energized with the possibilities
- Have fun

### Advance registration is required

Complete the form on the back of the sheet.

For more information, go to <http://www.copower.org/ohreg/index.php>  
Or contact Glenn Ashley 1-800-828-2714 or [Ashley@ucpmichigan.org](mailto:Ashley@ucpmichigan.org)  
or Carolyn Lejuste 1-800-760-4600 ext. 321 or [clejuste@prosynergy.org](mailto:clejuste@prosynergy.org)



Organized by:

United Cerebral Palsy of Michigan  
Michigan Disability Rights Coalition



Register online at: <http://www.copower.org/ohreg/index.php>

Or complete the following registration form and send it to:  
Michigan Disability Rights Coalition  
3498 East Lake Lansing Road, Suite 100  
East Lansing, MI 48823.

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Organization \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Fax \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Accommodations/Alternative Formats/Dietary Needs  
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Check the box for the forum you plan to attend:

- ☐ February 24, 2009 – Flint – REGISTRATION DEADLINE – February 17<sup>TH</sup>
- ☐ March 19, 2009 – Southfield – REGISTRATION DEADLINE – March 12<sup>TH</sup>
- ☐ **April 28, 2009 – Plainwell – REGISTRATION DEADLINE – April 21<sup>ST</sup>**
- ☐ May 5, 2009 – Midland – REGISTRATION DEADLINE – April 28<sup>TH</sup>
- ☐ May 20, 2009 – Gaylord – REGISTRATION DEADLINE – May 13<sup>TH</sup>
- ☐ June 11, 2009 – Marquette – REGISTRATION DEADLINE – June 4<sup>TH</sup>

Rank the 3 topics that are the highest priority for you. (1 is highest priority).

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| _____ Education      | _____ Community Supports            |
| _____ Child Care     | _____ Family Support                |
| _____ Employment     | _____ Recreation                    |
| _____ Health Care    | _____ Leadership Development        |
| _____ Transportation | _____ Rights and Self-Determination |
| _____ Housing        | _____ Accessibility                 |